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U.S. Government Contributed \$105 Million to Asian Development Bank Infrastructure Fund for Afghanistan

KABUL, AFGHANISTAN | – The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) has contributed \$105 million to the Afghanistan Infrastructure Trust Fund (AITF) to date. Established in 2010, the AITF is a multi-donor trust fund administered by the Asian Development Bank to coordinate donor assistance for infrastructure projects in Afghanistan. The U.S. Government is one of the largest contributors to the AITF, with \$417.6 million planned for energy infrastructure.

“U.S. government's contribution to this fund is just one example of our long-term commitment to supporting Afghanistan's development. Our partnership with the Asian Development Bank provides an important mechanism for improving the lives of the Afghan people and driving Afghanistan's economic growth,” said USAID Mission Director William Hammink.

Of the \$417.6 million the U.S. government has planned for the AITF, approximately \$288 million has been designated for the completion of the Kabul to Kandahar transmission line from Ghazni to Kandahar, including five substations. This line will enable DABS to import lower-cost power to Southern Afghanistan and provide electricity to many communities that currently do not have access to the power grid.

Other contributors to the AITF also include the governments of Japan and the United Kingdom.

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